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# ROUND THE WORLD

## Arrival of Boy Reporter Traveler in Decatur.

### BRIGHT, CHIC AND AMBITIOUS

Harry Marrisson is His Name—Famous in America and Europe—He Called on Kings and Queens and Paid His Own Way.

Harry Steele Marrisson, the renowned boy reporter and traveler, was in Decatur today making arrangements to deliver a lecture at the opera house. He is his own advance agent and has arranged with Manager Given to appear at the opera house on the evening of March 15. Mr. Marrisson is only 16 years old but has managed to crowd more interesting experiences into those 16 years than many who live the full period of three score years and ten dream of. He is an Illinois product having been born at Mattoon, where his mother now lives. She is at present ill, and Harry came home to look after her comfort. He began by running away from home and going to Chicago where he secured employment as an office boy at \$3 a week. After living there for one year he decided to make a tour of Europe. He started from Chicago with \$25 and an unlimited amount of determination. He worked his way to Washington, interviewed the president, went from there to New York and took passage on a cattle ship to London, paying his passage by washing dishes. He arrived in London the week of the queen's jubilee and at once set out to make the acquaintance of royalty. He succeeded in interviewing the queen, Gladstone and many other members of royalty and collected a great pile.

He gives his experience in an interesting manner. He said:

I worked my way from Chicago to New York and from New York to London. My passage across the Atlantic was earned by dish washing in the pantry of a cattle vessel. In London I worked for my room and board, saw the diamond jubilee and the queen. I interviewed Mr. Gladstone and the leading men in politics and the world of art and letters. I was received everywhere with the utmost kindness even by the lord mayor in the Mansion House.

When I left London for Belgium I had \$45 and with that I spent five months in Belgium, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and France. I walked from place to place and saw everything of interest in those interesting countries. I am confident that I was able to see more than most travelers and in a different way for everything is new to me. I had wonderful experiences was lost in the Alps a whole day came near being kidnapped in Paris and imprisoned in Germany.

I was fortunate in securing interviews with former returning I numbered among my friends the king of Belgium, emperor of Germany, president of Switzerland and the head of the French republic. They all appreciated my energy and congratulated me upon my pluck and perseverance. The lord mayor of London, Mr. Gladstone and our own President McKinley were no less kind, and when I returned I was glad that I had taken the trip. The whole thing cost me about \$50. But look here, I can tell you one thing about it. You must come to my lecture."

While in Europe Mr. Marrisson wrote several letters to the New York World which were bright and gave a description of his trip and impression of the sights he was seeing in a original manner. They were published and attracted quite a great deal of attention because of their novelty. He is now correspondent for the World. He has delivered several lectures in the east and is now making a tour of the western states.

Will Try Farming Again

Dr. J. W. Mitchell and family will move back to their fruit farm, one and one half miles north of the city next week and will remain on the farm during the summer and possibly longer.

Every time a man is found dead in a bathroom some people think they have an additional reason for boycotting water.

# SPAIN IS BUYING MORE WARSHIPS.

## England Doing the Work and France Supplying the Cash.

### UNCLE SAM AND THE EAGLE WAITING

No Important News from Washington—Just Scraps.

More Rain at Havana and Divers Don't Get Away—Court Remains at Key West for Orders.

Washington, March 4.—Today's only news item occupied about three hours. At the conclusion it was announced nothing of importance had occurred. No information of any character it was stated, had been received either from Consul General Lee or the court of inquiry. No had any intimation reached the government as to the character of the information so far obtained by the court.

Waiting for Orders.

Key West, Fla. March 4.—The Maine court of inquiry is still here, awaiting orders from Washington.

Nothing New at Havana

Havana, March 4.—Warmer and rainier weather prevailed today. As far as can be observed the divers are working slowly. It is only during such hours as possible that they are in the water. The Spanish divers have been down but little. Any reports that are coming from them are likely to be correct.

Maine's Callers Deny the Reports that a Spanish torpedo boat and torpedero are to come to Cuba.

May Never Get Away.

Havana, March 4.—Senator Proctor and Colonel Barker went to Artemisa and del Rio this morning. The senator is unlikely to leave Havana tomorrow as he cannot get health clearances in time.

SPAIN BUYING CRUISERS.

Five Battleships Added to the Navy—France Supplying the Cash

London, March 4.—Spain has purchased five battleships which the Armstrongs are building for Brazil. They are of 4000 tons each 23 knots, ten guns. Spain will probably secure two similar cruisers building in France. Spain is negotiating for large quantities of ammunition in England and on the continent for immediate use. London diplomats believe that French financiers are helping Spain as the latter is understood to be paying cash for most of the stuff giving good security for the rest. Spain is negotiating with the Armstrongs for three more ships, but has not yet concluded the arrangement.

Spain's Plans.

Madrid, March 4.—El Globo and other papers say that Spain is secretly preparing for war. Spain will attack New York according to one of the newspapers, should vessels of the American Pacific squadron go to the Philippine Islands. In reply to an article in El Nacional, which frankly declared that war with the United States would prove destructive to Spain, El Imparcial replies that "we may get our share of resources we have and give great uneasiness to those Yankee traders who dream of turning their yards into battle grounds."

Spain is Weak.

Rome, March 4.—General Cosens, chief of general staff of Italy, gave his opinion of the chances of victory in a war between Spain and the United States. Cosens considers that in the probable war of Spain with the United States the latter would have all the chances of victory.

He considers the situation in Spain would prove more critical than that of China to ward Japan. Every day which passes renders Spain weaker. In spite of the certainty of victory, he thinks the States have every reason to wait for three months from now, since Spain, not being able to subjugate Cuba, will be obliged to capitulate.

Even without war Cosens expresses an unfavorable opinion of the Spanish army. Its general lack of authority, its troops have little discipline, while its navy, composed of old ships would be incapable of resisting the modern American vessels. Cosens believes the outcome of the war would be decided at sea, while if the Americans disembarked troops in Cuba they would settle the fate of the island in a fortnight. By making a new effort Spain could send to Cuba 50,000 men more, but where is the money? where are the ships? and where is the navy to protect it?

CUBA WORSE THAN ARMENIA.

W. W. Howard's Description of the Suffering Reconcentrados.

New York, March 4.—W. W. Howard of this city has returned from Cuba on the steamship Vigilancia. "I was in Armenia with Clara Barton," said Mr. Howard, "but nowhere in Armenia did I see so much suffering and famine as I have witnessed in Cuba among the pacificos and reconcentrados. Men, women and children are so emaciated from privation that their ribs and bones almost come through their shrunken skins. If ever people needed relief it is these wretched reconcentrados.

The insurgents are well dressed, well armed, well housed and well groomed—indeed they are sleek and live easy lives. Cuba has been laid waste. Outside the towns one rarely sees a building for the reason that all buildings in the country have been razed or burned. Grass and weeds grow where only the highest cultivation existed.

WHAT GEN. LEE SAYS.

Consul General's Expression of a Relative Repeated.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 4.—"War is inevitable. These are the words of Consul General Lee. They were spoken to a relative of his at Havana a few days ago. On his way northward this gentleman stopped over in Jacksonville, and while discussing the situation with a close friend at the St. James he repeated the startling declaration of General Lee here recorded. From the friend, a man whose standing and veracity are beyond question, your correspondent received this important message. General Lee bases his opinion on the belief that, even had the Maine disaster not occurred, the United States must have soon intervened in Cuba, and that Spain will resent with force such intervention. The consul general said in substance that autonomy was a failure, the condition of the reconcentrados terrible and intervention on the part of the United States an imperative duty demanded by humanity, honor and policy. He is certain that the president will act soon, and that his action, which will be vigorous, will entail war. Spain is preparing for the worst, and will welcome a struggle with America. General Lee expressed no opinion as to the cause of the Maine disaster, but his emphatic declaration is taken to imply that he is aural of Spanish treachery.

JAPAN AS AN ALLY.

Oriental Power May Squeeze the Philippines in Case of War.

Washington, March 4.—The interest which Japan is manifesting in the news citizens of that country who were blown up with the Maine is suggesting interesting possibilities. It is characteristic of Japan to look after the interests of Japan abroad zealously. But there seems to be something more than the exercise of that interest in the case of the Maine victims.

When the list of the crew was obtained the legation here was notified of the fact that it included several of that nationality. Since then the legation has been following all developments of the disaster closely. As the probabilities of the cause being traced to foul play have increased the Japanese officials have shown more concern.

Minister Hoshi was a caller at the state department. Japan has for some time had her eyes on the Philippines. There is no territory which that country would rather acquire than the Spanish possessions in the Pacific. Several times during the revolution against Spanish authority on the Philippines there have been rumors of Japanese interference. If war shall start between the United States and Spain, a demonstration by Japan which will deprive Spain of the Philippines will be quite possible. Out of this killing of Japanese subjects on the Maine has grown a sentiment on the part of Japan of common cause with the United States which may easily be fostered into something serious in the event of war. The people at the Japanese legation are not communicative on the subject, but they say enough to show that their sympathies are all with the United States.

TAYLOR'S MESSAGES.

Startling Rumors Come to Decatur Over the Market Wire.

These messages were posted today at the B. & Taylor board of trade rooms.

Washington, March 4.—The government is negotiating for two more warships. It is rumored here that Senator Proctor has been shot on the streets of Havana.

New York, March 4.—The Journal has out an extra saying that President McKinley has received a cable from General Lee from Havana warning him to watch the Spanish war vessels and implying a crisis in American Spanish affairs.

OLNEY UNDER ARMS.

Soldiers in Training Ready to Fight for America.

Olney, Ill., March 4.—Company L, 4th regiment of this city, is being put through rigid drills in anticipation of service. They marched across country to Claremont and returned yesterday, a distance of 20 miles. They were fully equipped. The company's captain, Franz Munch is an ex regular army man, and an enthusiast in military matters. He was the first officer in Illinois to offer his services and those of his company to Governor Tanner. He telegraphed to the governor the morning after the Maine was destroyed.

Loud Bull Defeated

Washington, March 4.—The Loud bull to correct alleged abuses of the second class mail matter privileges, which last year passed the house by a majority of 144 to 140 was buried under by an overwhelming majority by the house. The vote was not taken directly on the bill, but on a motion to lay it on the table. By a vote of 162 to 119 the motion was carried. Forty seven Republicans joined with the Democrats and Populists in accomplishing this result and 16 Democrats voted with the majority of the Republicans. The refusal of Mr. Loud to permit a vote on an amendment at the last minute was responsible in a measure for the result but the strength of the measure undoubtedly won it throughout the three days debate.

Swedish Republican Clubs.

Paxton, Ill., Mar. 4.—The fourth annual meeting of the Swedish American Republican clubs of the state of Illinois will be held here on March 9, John Erikson day. They will be entertained by the Paxton Swedish American Republican club. Acceptances of invitations have been received showing that the attendance will be large. Six hundred invitations have been issued. Among the speakers who have signified their intention to be present are Senator W. B. Mason, Lieutenant Governor Northcott, Congressman V. Warner, Senators Charles E. Fuller and Charles Bogardus, Hon. J. Calhoun and J. P. Middleton, Judges Paxton, Myers and Moffet, Messrs. C. H. Climbom, J. B. Oakleaf and John A. Montellius and Prof. G. W. Foss and G. A. Elliott.

Spy is Caught Taking Notes.

Richmond, Ind., March 4.—At Earlham College last night a contest was held to select representatives for the debate with DePaul University in April. It was discovered by the Earlham students that a spy from DePaul was in the audience taking notes of all that was said. After the debate he was held up on the campus and all his notes taken from him.

Paid the Penalty.

East Cambridge, Mass., March 4.—Lorenza Barnes was hanged today. Barnes murdered and robbed John Deas, a farmer, last December.

# A MINE DID IT

## Such Will Be the Report of Court of Inquiry.

### OUTLINE OF THE EVIDENCE

Given in a Cable Telegram from Key West—Examination of Witnesses Was Searching and Exhaustive.

Key West, Fla., March 4.—There was no session of the board of inquiry yesterday which is a pretty sure indication that the board has reached the end of its tether and is now sorely put to it to find means to waste time until President McKinley shall be ready to call upon it to make a report. The statements made by the members of the board is that they are now waiting for instructions from Captain Sigbee to return to Havana to finish taking testimony there. There is but little new evidence to be presented to the board, as the divers have made few new findings. The board will, however, go through the formality of assembling again in Havana for the purpose of listening to the stories of the divers who have been prosecuting the work since the departure of the board from that place.

This will in the work of the commission to investigate the destruction of the Maine affords an opportunity to sum up the work done so far. Although it may be made to appear that the board is still in hot pursuit of knowledge regarding the manner in which the sinking of the Maine was brought about it may be safely stated that the work is done. Some vast heretofore undiscovered phenomenon must be brought to light to affect in any way the opinion of the board.

The members of the board are unanimously of one mind. If the findings were published tomorrow they would state that the Maine was destroyed by some outside agency. From the moment the examination of the witnesses began there has not developed a scintilla of evidence to support the theory that the explosion occurred through internal cause. Witnesses after witness appeared and gave the bits of patchwork testimony which have been put together by the board to form the perfect verdict of destruction by an outside force.

OFFICERS' TESTIMONY

First the officers testified one after another. They first described the performance of their routine duties on that fatal night. The engineers told of the condition of the boilers and stated the impossibility of an explosion of any one of them. The men in charge of the magazines told of the examination of these chambers of death just previous to the explosion. The low temperature of the thermometer 62 degrees made absurd the idea of any act of spontaneous combustion. Statement after statement was made showing that the perfect discipline on board the Maine had made record of every occurrence of the night and reports had been made by officers in charge of every section of the ship.

The navigation officer explained the state of every electrical connection and showed the impossibility of disaster through carelessness in any department under his charge, and the officer of the deck, Lieutenant Blandin, testified as to all the events that immediately preceded the explosion. Not a point was developed to account in any way for an internal explosion.

Then began an investigation into the phenomena accompanying or immediately following the explosion. The same officers, consecutively, but with full accuracy related their experiences of the evening and the observations made by them. Not a statement was made but what clinched the theory of an attack from the outside and destroyed utterly the chance of placing the cause for the occurrence inside the ship. They told of the manner in which the boat fell back heeled to port, and sunk, and their statements were supported by every officer and man who was on deck at the time or in a position to know.

Martin Hedding, gunner's mate and diver of the ship, gave similar testimony, which was particularly valuable, as he was in the after turret and in a position to see and distinctly observe the motion of the ship.

Then the reports of the divers' work on the wreck began to come in. Every bit of evidence tallied with the report of the men who had been on board at the time. Carefully and slowly they worked in the slime and ooze of Havana harbor. To enter the intricate labyrinth of masses of passages under the keel was to take out

# GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

## It is Now Being Run by the Clerks.

### LESSON IN STATE AFFAIRS

Governor Tanner and Lieut. Governor Northcott Both Out of the State—Coming Back Soon.

Springfield, Ill., March 4.—Only routine business is being transacted at the governor's office this week. Governor Tanner is absent in New York and Lieutenant Governor Northcott is in Washington but as no official notice of their absence has been filed with the secretary of state the routine business of the office is carried on as usual. If any emergency should arise Senator H. V. Fisher of Geneseo, who is president pro tem of the senate would be called upon to act as governor. In the event of his absence from the state Speaker Curtis would be next in line of succession and would be called upon if necessary. It is not at all probable, however, that either of them will be asked to act as both Governor Tanner and Lieutenant Governor Northcott will return to the state within a few days, and there is nothing in sight requiring special attention.

INJURED WATER MAINS.

Peoria Water Company Wants Railway Electric Current Shut Off.

Peoria, Ill., March 4.—The water company of Peoria is preparing a remarkable suit against the electric street railways of the city. The water company attorneys will go into the federal courts within a week and ask for an injunction restraining the trustees of the city from using electricity as a motive power unless within a reasonable time the system shall be re modeled so that no electricity shall escape. It is at first in the bill now being prepared that the water company's plant is being run by the escaping fluid. Thousands of dollars have been spent already in repairing pipes and the work of construction goes on. Electricity escaping from the faulty system finds its way to the iron water pipes and it is charged, corrodes them, cuts holes in them and in a short time renders them worthless.

Investigation of several breaks in the large mains has disclosed the fact that the pipes were suffering from electrolysis. Since the water company had possession of the streets first it is thought 'be suit is well based.

There is plenty of money on both sides and the fight will be a lengthy one. The water company had offered to contribute \$10,000 toward putting in a more modern system for the street car companies, preferring to make this outlay rather than carry the matter into the courts or be put to further expense in replacing pipe. The street car people seem disposed to spend their money in courts rather than in improving the system.

RUBBER IN THE WINDOW.

Attractive Display of Dress Shields Made by Linn & Scruggs.

The Linn & Scruggs Co. are making an interesting display of the celebrated Alpha ventilating dress shields in one of the large west windows of their establishment. The entire window is filled with the shields which are sent out by H. C. DeLong & Co. of Chicago and similar displays are being made all over the country. The shield has many excellent points to suggest its superiority over other shields. Attention is especially called to the fact that this is the only shield made with a pure rubber interlining. The rubber is shown in the window in its crude state and again after a process of washing and drying. The display is attractive from an artistic standpoint and the sign "Rubber in the Window" has not been necessary as every passerby stops for a look at the display. Linn & Scruggs have the exclusive agency for the shield in Decatur.

Missionary Program.

The missionary committee of the Epworth League of the Wesley church will give a program at the close of the meeting of the League this evening.

The Monitor Band Minstrels will give a show at Geophart's hall Monday evening March 7. There will be a grand cake walk. Admission 10, 20 and 50 cents—4 d & w

## FRIVOLOUS POLLY.

BY VIRGINIA YEAMAN REMNITZ.

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Mark Wendell has long been in love with Ellen Shaw, but her father forbade their marriage, and Wendell leaves Parkville. At Elder Shaw's death he returns firm in the belief that Ellen will now be his wife. Among his renewed acquaintances is Ellen's young friend Polly, now quite grown up, but frivolous as ever. On his death bed Elder Shaw has written his wish in regard to Ellen's future on a piece of paper, which is not to be read until after his death. Ellen feels that she must regard this wish as sacred, although she is sure that it forbids her marriage with Mark. The latter is in despair when he learns this, but the young people decide to read the message together. But it cannot be found, it has disappeared from the box in the bureau drawer where Ellen put it. Wendell declares that the elder retained and destroyed the paper, but Ellen knows that this is impossible. "Ellen," he exclaims, "the paper is gone! Nothing shall keep you from me!"

PART II.

For one moment his voice, vibrant with power, passionate with love, seemed to break the force of that invisible, other-worldly hold which drew her from him. Every throbbing pulse in her body, every yearning fiber of her nature drove her to his arms. She could fight no more. She was helpless. The sweetness of yielding, the infinite bliss of rest after struggle, the rapture of love, forced by love from its withholding; all this, for one wild flashing moment seemed hers. Then she found herself withdrawn from the sweetness, from the rest and the rapture; retreating from the embrace for which she longed—a tormented prisoner of those fine spiritual tendrils which, despite that wave of longing which had seemed to sweep them away, had never for one instant released their hold upon her. And all the strength and power and passion of the man were but as furious waves beating against an unseen, invincible barrier.

Mark Wendell was not a man accustomed to defeat. He had doggedness of purpose and a singleness of mind in gaining his ends which had proved equal to every obstacle he had so far encountered. And, as has been said, he knew how to wait. But the time for which he had waited had come, and he found the obstacle removed from his path only to give place to another—a mere phantom of fancy, indeed, to him; but to Ellen Shaw a veritable angel of the flaming sword, exiling her forever from the garden of Eden.

When Mark called upon Ellen the day after their search for the paper she refused to see him; and her aunt delivered the message with much romantic interest in both voice and eye. The young man resented this more than he did Ellen's denial of herself. Doubtless she was worn out by the strain of the past few days. He could come again. But he didn't propose to offer up his emotions as food for anyone's sentiment. So he received the girl's mandate with a stolid front, and made his best bow at the door, as one undaunted and with other matters on hand.

He had no wish to repeat that scene, but repeated it was, until he came to understand the meaning of it. Ellen was determined not to see him again. Then she did not trust herself! There was delight in the thought. He would prove that she was right in this fear of hers. He would break down her resolution, sweep away her sick fancies. But to do this he must see her, and to see her he must remain in Parkville. It was thereupon revealed to him that the railroad service of the place was exceptionally good, and that his business would admit of daily trips to town. His accustomed singleness of purpose served him well. He found a boarding place on the same street as the Shaw house, and nearer the depot. Ellen must pass it on her necessary trips to the village. But these would usually be made when he was in town! So the next day he engaged a sitting in the church to which Ellen belonged, feeling sure she would attend the Sunday services, even though she went nowhere else; and he chose his place a few rows behind the Shaw pew. He would see her once a week, at least; and some Sabbath night—what could prevent it—he would join her on the way home. He now felt that the citadel he designed to win was in a state of siege which must, in time, force surrender; and he went to his daily work in the city with a certain satisfaction in the inconvenience to which he must submit in order to carry out his plans.

But the citadel, though so frail a thing as a girl's heart, met the siege made upon it with tactics which baffled the assailant. Yet, passive disregard of investment, the simple unmoved holding of its own, was the only resistance made. When Ellen went to the village, Mark was at his business in town. When Ellen went to services, the aunt walked by her side; and the girl seemed never to know, as she entered or left the church, that Mark Wendell was already in his place, or lingering near the door.

One evening he carried out the plan of his fancy—save that the aunt had found no place—and overtook the girl as she walked homeward. But she spoke no word, save in response to questions, and the presence of the other woman constrained him. Had she been a guardian dragon he might have spoken boldly, but the knowledge of her soft, sentimental interest was intolerable.

Despite these drawbacks, however, the young man was somewhat repaid for his unwonted regularity at church. His place was near the pew door, and as Ellen—who sat somewhat to the right,

kept her face turned attentively toward the minister, Mark had full leisure to admire the delicacy of the profile thus revealed. Sometimes, moreover, the eloquence and earnestness of the speaker captured his attention. He was sure Hallam had not preached so well when he first took the Parkville church. The man was changed, too—and Wendell was far enough from divining that he himself was in any way connected with this change—his dark eyes glowed with a new fire, his voice rang and vibrated with a passionate intensity of feeling which Mark had never chanced to hear from the pulpit before. And upon the face of this young servant of God there rested sometimes a look which puzzled Mark, who was very literal in his trend of thought, and preferred not to meddle with subjects and emotions which he could not understand. Yet he felt the sincerity of the preacher, and wondered how so intelligent a man could choose to wander in a world of immaterial, impalpable ideas, when the actual things of life were within touch and sight; Ellen, for instance—and Polly.

Polly was very amusing, and when Ellen's profile was hidden, the bob of those saucy curls, with the reflections they suggested, was always a possible distraction. If Ellen passed Mark by with unseeing eyes, not so did Polly. She lingered and chatted, and in the vestibule found herself near enough to glance over her shoulder and say, "Good-morning!" If Mark could not understand the look on the face of the preacher, he understood well enough the look on Polly's; for the lift of her lids; and that smile, with its odd little



FOUND HERSELF NEAR ENOUGH TO SAY: "GOOD MORNING."

turn, which she gave him, spoke clearly as words; and as she loved to talk of Ellen it seemed a pity to always deny her. What if the village people did turn curious looks upon him as he walked home with this one. She talked of the other, and had a trick of voice and of look which at once conveyed sympathy and made it grateful. Then, as she saw Ellen nearly every day, Mark always felt that she might have something of interest for him.

There was, in reality, little to tell; but Polly made the most of it. How Ellen could live so quietly, she couldn't see. Just to sit around with that old aunt would drive her crazy. But Ellen was a queer girl! She didn't seem to need any excitement or change. She was so indifferent to everything and everybody; so self-reliant. Polly didn't understand it at all. She was so dependent herself; so miserable if anybody didn't love—didn't like her! Her blue eyes lifted appealingly to Mark's face; then quickly hid under their lids again. Her voice grew wistful. It was awfully silly, of course; but she couldn't help it. She had always been that way. If she could only be strong, like Ellen; take life so calmly and be so contented. It was just splendid! Why, Ellen went about her work as if nothing had ever happened. In the afternoon she read aloud while the aunt knitted, and she never seemed to worry nor fret about anything. Polly didn't see how she could help fretting a little—here the speaker glanced up, half shyly. She knew all about the paper, but never mentioned the subject directly, using her knowledge, however, to tip the little arrows she let fly. But she could not tell, poor child, whether such verbal shafts as these were well aimed or not, for Mark made no sign. And the man himself never dreamed that his thoughts of Ellen were ever so remotely influenced by Polly. Yet these repeated reports of the girl's serenity, of her composed interest in that monotonous round of daily life, served to increase the effect which her conduct was beginning to have upon him. For Mark Wendell was already fighting against a vague sense of unreality concerning his relations with Ellen. So unchangeably did the girl hold herself aloof that Mark, whose nature admitted of no poetic idealization of sentiment, found himself thinking of her in a shadowy, uncertain way, as though she were not, indeed, a creature of flesh and blood; a woman who could give and receive the every day, sweet offices of love.

Then he would recall all the years of his intercourse with Ellen, from the time when they ran to school together until that day after the funeral. There had never been any lack of fire, of emotion, of sympathy, in the girl. He recalled the tender gaiety of her manner in happy hours; its playful, wayward charm; more delicately bewitching than any coquetry. He realized again the thrill of her touch, the quiver of her hand within his; the warm light

in those eyes, whose depths were no long looking could never sound. But he stirred the chords of emotion until, for lack of new incentive, they responded somewhat faintly. The Ellen of those past days and the Ellen of these seemed like two different beings; the one having passed into the other, and been thus transformed. The face of that Ellen had never seemed to him cold; but now the vivid play of expression, the light and the shadow of emotion, which had made all the charm and warmth and tender magnetism of her look, was gone. One noticed only the fineness of contour, a fineness almost strained now, and the pure steadfastness of her expression. She carried her head, besides, with a little air of hauteur, and usually smiled when spoken to. Someone might think her sad or dejected! Oh, she was very composed indeed, but nevertheless her heart went dragging painfully, mutely, after the man she loved. She knew when he entered the church; and tried not to think, during the service, that perhaps his eyes were upon her; and her heart stood still as she passed him by. She thought that he understood, that he would know this was the only way she could save herself from yielding. At night she lay for long hours staring out into the darkness of her room, feeling too hopeless and numb for tears; but toward morning she would awake in the hold of a passionate longing which made her cry out that she could not bear it; that she would go to Mark, and yield to him, though it meant the destroying of her soul. So only could she quiet herself until daylight brought again dull acquiescence to duty, and the mask of reticence.

Meantime Wendell was striving not to admit the thought that, with such women as Ellen, conscience dulled heart, and natural instincts were dwarfed. She could live, serenely enough, in the consciousness of well doing, and calmly put him on the rack of her principles. He was making an absurd spectacle of himself, too, writhing in public—for, thanks to the maiden aunt, the whole town knew the story of the paper.

The result of these reflections was that one Sunday morning he absented himself from church, and Ellen sat with her great eyes fixed blankly on the minister, and her thoughts distractedly hovering about the empty seat she knew of. Was he ill? Had he gone? Was he weary of waiting? She couldn't wonder, but—

The minister met that vacant look in full and paused in the midst of a sentence. He drew himself up, and caught at the snapped ends of thought, tying them deftly together. He understood her suffering; and the motives of her conduct, to Mark Wendell absurd and



IN THE AFTERNOONS SHE READ ALoud WHILE THE AUNT KNITTED.

Incomprehensible, were to the preacher clear as day, and demanded his reverence. And from the shining heights of his own self-renunciation he longed to help the girl upon whom, though he loved her as man loves woman, he had learned to look with eyes which glowed only with the pure light of pity. For the preacher had won a passion of patience, a swiftness of intuition, a fervor and depth of sympathy, which gave to his preaching a new power, and to his own personality a magnetism which not only drew sinful and grieving souls but—a far rarer gift—touched even the worldly minded and frivolous.

Among these was Polly. Of late she had found herself obliged to listen to the sermons, and they made her uncomfortable; nervous, as she declared to Wendell, and so blue she'd a mind to stay away from church. She used to think Mr. Hallam was in love with Ellen, but he didn't show any sign of it now. He didn't seem to think about anybody unless they were wicked or sick or in trouble. Polly glanced up as she said this. The girl knew better than to arouse jealousy in Mark, and rather hoped to allay the possibility of any such emotion. Ignorant in many ways, Polly had a wisdom of her own, and she felt that Ellen, unnoticed, cold, serene; a creature of prim emotions and dull activities, such as Ellen, could not appeal long to a man like Mark Wendell. From all of which it may seem that the preacher's influence over Polly was somewhat superficial. It was, nevertheless, the only influence of the kind which touched her; and she even felt the church gravely sometimes, still in the hold of some spell, still dumb with a sense of painful awakening and stirring some where deep within her.

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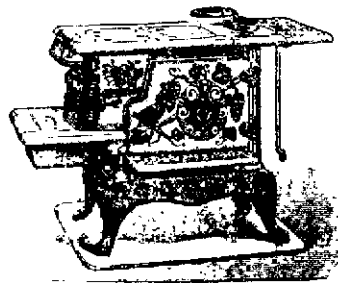
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## LOCAL NEWS.

Davis—Cabs 25c, Trunks 15c.

J. M. Songer is now in charge of the  
Park hotel. B. L. Martin has retired.

Arnold's Bromo-Celery cure head-  
aches. 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the druggist.

For quick, easy work and dressy finish,  
use Electric Lustre Starch in the Blue  
Package.—18-dimo

Charley Maxwell will give instruction  
in hand music to a number of ambitious  
musicians at Blue Mound. All hope to  
become proficient in the playing of brass  
instruments.

Before you buy your wall paper and  
room moulding call at W. C. Pluck's Wall  
Paper House, 109 East North street.—28-  
dimo

The Reed & Son's piano is a gem in  
style and beauty. It is on sale only at  
the C. B. Prescott music house. Stop in  
and take a look at the standard instru-  
ments.

Electric Lustre Starch in Blue Pack-  
ages.—18-dimo

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for wood  
pumps, iron lift pumps, force pumps,  
chain pumps and pump repairing.—Mar-  
1-5&wtf.

Frank Kimberlin and wife formerly of  
Bement have moved to Decatur. Mr.  
Kimberlin will connect himself with the  
firm which will be known as Dayton,  
Kimberlin & Co., General repair and  
supply house, 407 North Main street.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for garden  
seeds. They are now in receipt of large  
involes of fresh seeds from the most reli-  
able houses in the country.—m1-d&w8w

Do you know Lent is with us to stay  
and you can fish for anything that swims  
at the aquarium of the Pearl Oyster and  
Fish Co. Tel. 344, old and new.—3-d&t

Miss Grace Hecox of Homer, aged 38,  
died Sunday from cancer of the breast.

Uncle Sam's Pet.

On Saturday, January 1, the Wash-  
fast government mail train, No. 1, trav-  
eled 101 miles in 98 minutes, assuredly a  
good beginning of the new year. Watch  
future performances of this great flyer,  
the fastest mail train in the world and  
the pet of Uncle Sam.

Are you ready for the question?  
Can a railroad operate its trains at a  
mile a minute ship unless its roadbed,  
track and rolling stock are of a high  
standard. "We maintain a high stand-  
ard." Speed, safety and comfort are all  
branded "Wabash."

If you intend to make a trip to any part  
of the world, including the Klondike,  
communicate with G. A. Pollock, passen-  
ger and ticket agent, Wabash railroad,  
Decatur, Ill.—23-d&w

Mowwqua.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Russell,  
February 25, a daughter.

William Friend of Lancaster, Ohio, was  
called here last Friday by the sickness of  
his sister, Mrs. Kufner.

Mrs. Amy Adams visited relatives at  
Pana the latter part of last week.

Miss Jessie Spiller of Sullivan has been  
called here by the illness of her aunt.

Mrs. Emma Corzine of Assumption  
agent last week with relatives here.

Mrs. James Batty of Decatur is visiting  
the family of her son, James Higgins,  
this week.

Mrs. M. L. White is in St. Louis get-  
ting up-to-date millinery.

Miss Maggie Hooey of Shelbyville spent  
Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Snyder visited at Wal-  
ker last Friday.

John and Con Winchell returned from  
Indiana Tuesday. They were called there  
by the death of their mother.

Daniel Moll is much better at this time.  
Henry Moll of Chicago was called home  
by the illness of his father this week.

H. F. Day, John Baker, J. M. Houston  
and W. S. Ruge were in Shelbyville this  
week.

Gave an Entertainment.

An entertainment was given last even-  
ing by the ladies' aid society of Grace  
Methodist church, which was largely at-  
tended. It was a grand opera and stereo-  
typical entertainment and W. L. Smith  
was in charge of the machine. The at-  
tendance was good and the society cleared  
quite a nice sum from the undertaking.

Beware of Outlets for Catarrh That  
Contain Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense  
of smell and completely derange the  
whole system when entering it through  
the mucous surfaces. Such articles  
should never be used except on prescrip-  
tions from reputable physicians, as the  
damage they will do is too fearful to  
be ignored. You can possibly derive from them  
Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by  
F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains  
no mercury, and is taken internally, act-  
ing directly upon the blood and mucous  
surface of the system. In buying  
Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the  
genuine. It is taken internally and  
made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney  
& Co. Testimonial free.

Sold by Druggists, price 75c per  
bottle.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

A NOBLE WOMAN

Services Held at W. C. T.  
U. Hall Last Night.

IN MEMORY OF MISS WILLARD

Miss Crissey Presided—Addresses by

Rev. Craft and Rev. Bowyer—  
Paper by Mrs. W. F.

Gillmore.

Memorial services in honor of the late  
Frances E. Willard were held at the W.  
C. T. U. hall last evening. The hall  
was well filled with friends and admirers  
of Miss Willard and her wonderful and  
noble work. The platform was beautified  
by the use of a number of blooming  
plants. Miss Willard's picture rested on  
an easel at the right of the platform and  
was draped in white. The chandeliers  
were hung with white and purple blos-  
soms. The president, Miss Crissey, pre-  
sided.

The services were opened by a prayer by  
Mrs. Eliza Cray, who also read the  
scripture lesson beginning with a passage  
which was especially liked by Miss Wil-  
lard, "To be carnal minded is to die, to  
be spiritual minded is to live." This  
was followed by a solo, "Lead Kindly  
Light," by Miss Mamie Green. Rev.  
Frost Craft spoke of Miss Willard as an  
educator, reviewing her career as a teach-  
er and spoke of the broad educational  
lines on which she had advanced and the  
wide influence for good her teachings had  
brought forth.

Rev. S. H. Bowyer in his talk of Miss  
Willard as a reformer said the subject was  
of so great importance from every point  
of view that we might dwell on it for  
hours without exhausting it. In quoting  
the scriptural passage, "By their fruit ye  
shall know them," he said that we knew  
Miss Willard by the knowledge of this  
great temperance movement which is  
abroad in the land today. After touch-  
ing on the works of Miss Willard as a re-  
former he closed with a glowing tribute  
to her ability as an organizer.

Miss Crissey in an entertaining and in-  
teresting manner gave reminiscences of  
Miss Willard. She spoke of the great  
grief which smote the hearts of the women  
of America when the life of their leader  
went out and said that no woman ever  
lived with nobler, higher ambitions and  
greater modesty, power, magnetism and  
winsome womanliness. She spoke of her  
early efforts in organizing the W. C. T. U.  
and in extending the temperance work.  
In closing she said that though she was  
gone from among the active scenes of life  
her memory would live forever as an in-  
cubative and her noble work would en-  
courage her followers for ages to come.

Mrs. Gillmore read a paper referring to  
the closing incidents in the life of Miss  
Willard, speaking mostly of her work in  
the last national convention and review-  
ing her last days of life, her last efforts in  
behalf of the cause she loved so well and  
the manner of her death.

Rev. Marion E. Stevenson made the  
closing prayer and pronounced the benedi-  
ction.

HANLON'S SUPERBA.

A Splendid Spectacular Production  
Next Monday Night.

"Superba," the Hanlon Brothers' time  
honored, thoroughly up-to-date gorgeous  
spectacle, should prove a worthy attrac-  
tion for next Monday night, March 7, at  
the Powers Grand, where its many new  
features will no doubt be enjoyed to the  
echo by a large audience.

It was presented at this house about a  
year ago, but since that time it has been  
so completely changed that an old ad-  
mirer would hardly recognize it. With a  
vast outfit of new scenery, innumerable  
new tricks and sensations, ballets and



specialties, its clever pantomimic pot-  
pourri, it is indeed a novelty.  
The Hanlons are proverbially well  
known for their talent in inventing me-  
chanical tricks as applied to the stage,  
and this year the piece is well supplied  
with them. One of the most amusing  
ones is that where the clown seeks to test  
the power of his lungs by a machine such  
as we might see on any street corner that  
is used for that purpose. But with the aid  
of Hanlon's magic power it so enlarges  
the clown's lung cells that he is enabled  
to do all sorts of things by the simple ex-

pulsion of his breath. In rapid succession  
he closes immense doors, blows the hair  
off people's heads and whisks them into  
the next county with apparent ease.  
Windows open, houses fall down and  
church steeples fade away at his slightest  
effort and his chest expands to supernat-  
ural size.

Another of the funny contrivances that  
the Hanlons have applied to this year's  
production is a gigantic magnet with  
which the monks twist Pierrot, whose  
distinguish himself has donned a suit of  
armor, into all sorts of inconceivable  
shapes, spin him around like a top on a  
table or a pin wheel on a post.

But the greatest sensation of all, and  
one which, if used in a melodrama would  
make it a very safe investment, is the gi-  
gantic leap of a man on horseback across  
what is known as "The Chasm of  
Death." It is during the escape of Prince  
Leander from the wicked queen's domain  
that this is accomplished, and an im-  
mense bridge of solid masonry is destroy-  
ed in order to make the task the difficult  
one it is. Horse and rider are seen leap-  
ing down the mountain at a breakneck  
pace and, not noting that the bridge has  
been removed, the impetus carries the  
horse down into the yawning abyss be-  
low, while the rider jumps from his back  
in mid air and in safety to the other side.

THE SEWING SCHOOL.

Will Open Tomorrow Morning Under  
Auspices of St. John's Ladies.

The sewing school which is to be given  
under the auspices of the ladies of St.  
John's Episcopal church, will open to-  
morrow morning at 10 o'clock in the  
room occupied by the kindergarten on the  
first floor of the woman's club building.  
The school is open to any who wish to at-  
tend. A fee of 10 cents will be charged  
for each lesson to defray expenses. The  
ladies of the church will themselves in-  
struct the pupils and will teach them to  
do sewing of all kinds. The school is not  
a charitable institution but is for the  
benefit of all girls who wish to learn sew-  
ing.

Bristow-DeHart Wedding.

Samuel Bristow of Indian Territory  
and Miss Laura DeHart were married on  
Thursday at the U. B. parsonage, the  
ceremony being performed by Rev. M. H.  
Spayd. The attendants were Miss Mabel  
Hatfield and Bert Daifart. After the  
ceremony the couple went to the home of  
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel DeHart on North  
Union street, where the wedding break-  
fast was served. The relatives of the  
young couple were present at the wed-  
ding. Mr. and Mrs. Bristow left on the  
afternoon train for Indian Territory,  
where they will make their home. The  
groom formerly lived in Decatur and  
worked for the electric street car com-  
pany. He has been working at Wagoner,  
I. T., as an operator for the Western Union  
Telegraph company. The bride is the  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel DeHart  
and is quite well known in the city. She  
formerly was employed at the Linn &  
Scruggs store.

Was Well Pleased.

Gratifying echoes of the performance of  
the "Spectre Knight," which was given by  
the Decatur Opera Co. at Monticello  
on last Saturday night are reaching the  
members of the company. The manager  
of the opera house at Monticello, W. F.  
Stevenson, writes to Mr. Bert Park that  
"many expressions of praise of your op-  
era company are heard and we all feel in  
love with Mrs. Bunn. If you can make a  
return date at any time we will furnish  
you with a paying house." The newspa-  
pers have also been liberal in their ex-  
pressions of praise and are complimentary  
in their comments. The company are  
much encouraged by this their first effort,  
and will probably give the opera at other  
towns in the state.

Mrs. Bunn and her friends have every  
reason to be greatly encouraged by the  
success of the opera as the members are  
with one or two exceptions her pupils.

Found Their Lost Father.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Adkinson of River-  
side Place, this city, have been at Balti-  
more, Md., several weeks on a visit, guests  
of Mrs. Mary F. Hallin, sister of Mrs.  
Adkinson. For 35 years, ever since the  
close of the war, their father, Martin  
Nalls, has been missing, and no trace of  
him could be found. A few days ago he  
was discovered with a broken hip in a  
hospital in New York city, and the two  
daughters notified. They visited their  
father at the hospital and will see to it  
that the last years of his life are passed in  
comfort. Nalls was a strong union man  
during the war, when his home was at  
Alexandria, Va., and was once sentenced  
to be shot by the rebels, but union sol-  
diers saved his life. All these years he  
did not know that his wife had died, nor  
that his two daughters were living.

Put Up a Sign.

Collector Landy Martin has had a new  
sign put up on the outside of the court  
house to direct taxpayers where they can  
find the office of the collector. The sign  
is a big black one with white letters and  
anyone who comes near the court house  
cannot help but see it and can easily find  
the tax collector's office.

Mission Band Sale.

The Mission Band of the First M. E.  
church at Conklin wall paper house, 100  
East William street, Saturday, March 6,  
will sell cakes, pie, cookies, doughnuts,  
veal loaf, salad, bread, etc. Come and  
buy.

THINGS TO EAT

Which are Offered in the  
Local Markets.

THE FIRST STRAWBERRIES

Of the Season are on Sale—Prices of

the Fruits and Vegetables

Which Can be  
Bought.

In the local markets tomorrow there  
will be a good selection of fresh fruits and  
vegetables to choose from. The only  
fruits that are new are strawberries. The  
first of the season have appeared in the  
market. They come from Louisiana and  
are put up in pint boxes and sell for 16  
cents per box. The berries will be high  
for some time and it will be a number of  
weeks before the price is within the reach  
of all. Most of the oranges now offered  
are from California and are of all quali-  
ties. The cheaper ones sell for 10 cents  
per dozen and the others range in price to  
as high as 25 and 30 cents per dozen.  
Pineapples can be bought at 25 and 30  
cents each. The best bananas sell for 15  
cents per dozen. Radishes are in market  
at 5 cents per bunch and lettuce is sold  
for 5 cents per head. Cauliflower are 15  
cents a head and cabbage sells for 2 cents  
per pound. Asparagus is offered at 5 cents  
per bunch. Most of the vegetables sold  
come from the south. The price of pota-  
toes ranges from 75 cents to 85 cents per  
bushel.

Eggs are rapidly going down in price.  
They are now offered for 12 1/2 cents per  
dozen and they will go down to 10 cents  
as soon as there is continued warm  
weather. During the winter they have  
been high because there has been very  
few offered by the farmers, but they will  
probably be as cheap this summer as they  
were last year.

There is plenty of poultry in the mar-  
ket and spring chickens can be procured  
at a reasonable price.

THE TURNER DANCE.

Was Well Attended and Was a Great  
Success in Every Respect.

The calico dance given last evening by  
the Turner society at their hall was well  
attended and was one of the most success-  
ful entertainments the members of the or-  
ganization have given this year. A large  
number of young people were present and  
enjoyed the dancing for which the opera  
house orchestra furnished music. The  
Turners have a reputation for giving  
good entertainments and the affair last  
night was up to the standard.

The Owl Wagon.

Those who were on the streets late last  
night were surprised to see the owl wa-  
gon on South Park street near Water.  
The wagon is one of a corporation of T.  
H. Buckley's White House Cafe lunch  
wagons. The firm has wagons in various  
cities in different parts of the country.  
The owl wagons in Chicago and other  
large cities have become quite popular  
but in Decatur they are a novelty. The  
wagon is in charge of M. T. Logan. It is  
handsomely fitted up and is quite an at-  
tractive little place.

Miss Ashton Surprised.

Last evening about 25 of the members  
of the Robekah lodge called at the home  
of Miss Carrie Ashton of East Herkimer  
street and spent the evening with her.  
The affair was arranged as a surprise for  
Miss Ashton and was carried out in a most  
enjoyable manner. Refreshments were  
served and the evening spent in cards and  
other games. The ladies of the lodge  
presented their hostess with a fine  
Robekah gold pin.

Don't Fail

To call at T. T. Springer's, North Wa-  
ter street, on Friday and Saturday of this  
week and sample the Heskin celebrated  
coffee. Fine favors and uniformity are  
their virtues.—3-d&t

Will Filed.

The will of the late Margaret J. Mil-  
held has been filed in the county court  
and the hearing has been set for March  
28.

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CREAM  
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POWDER  
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Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair

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## MARCH—1898.

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## WEATHER.

Chicago, March 4.—Illinois: Fair to night and Saturday. Warmer in the south Saturday; fresh northerly winds, becoming variable.

The increase of the British army for this year will be 21,000 men, which is only 6000 less than our entire army.

The following table shows the reduction in the number of business failures in this country over the corresponding period in last year. It will doubtless interest the gentlemen who have in their recent appeals to the public expressed such distress over the business conditions in the United States.

Failures for week ending Feb. 19, 1898..... 260  
Failures for week ending Feb. 12, 1898..... 278  
Failures for week ending Feb. 12, 1897..... 325

Here is a record of the prices of silver bullion in New York covering a period of ten weeks:

	Per ounce.
December 4, 1897.....	69
December 11, 1897.....	67
December 18, 1897.....	65
January 8, 1898.....	67
January 15, 1898.....	67
January 22, 1898.....	67
February 5, 1898.....	67

And this is the kind of metal of which people are now gravely proposing to make the currency of the United States.

People who are still complaining about the fact that New England cotton mills have been compelled to reduce wages may find an explanation in the following table showing the growth of the cotton manufacturing industry in the south in the past 18 years. It will be observed that this growth, which operates under precisely the same tariff law that prevails in New England, has been something phenomenal.

Mills.	Spindles.	Looms.	Capital.
1880.....	130	667,000	14,700 \$21,900,000
1890.....	264	1,712,000	28,000 61,900,000
1898.....	480	4,100,000	114,000 125,000,000

If silver dollars are really so popular and so much demanded by the people as is assumed by the friends of the white metal, why is it that the four hundred millions of them lying in the treasury vaults are permitted to remain there when people could get them in exchange for the silver certificates which they now carry in their pockets? The number of silver dollars in circulation actually decreased in the year following Mr. Bryan's nomination, while the gold in circulation increased 72 million dollars.

President McKinley's firm and patriotic attitude in the recent crises with reference to Cuban matters has been and is cordially commended by men of all parties. The dignified but vigorous stand taken by him in the De Lome incident has already resulted in a complete disavowal by the Spanish government, and his course and that of his official family in regard to the Maine disaster is receiving a general approval, and his hands in this trying moment are being cordially upheld by men irrespective of past party relationship.

President McKinley may be depended upon to bring the Cuban complications to a conclusion satisfactory to the people. He has been tried in war and in peace and knows how to do the right thing at the right time. At the battle of Cedar Creek, when the day seemed to be lost to the federal army he encouraged the troops with the assurance that the enemy could not be defeated and when Sheridan came on the ground it was he who removed the general's overcoat and urged him to ride along the line to encourage the troops. McKinley has proved that he is not afraid to fight when it is proper to fight.

Boston Journal: A mere reduction of the tariff never won us a dollar's worth of trade in foreign countries. It never will. The idea that it can is the thinnest kind of humbug. Our foreign commerce reached the very highest figures in our history right in the stiffest period of the McKinley law, and now that the disastrous "tariff reform" experiment of Gorman-Wilsonism is abandoned, and we have another vigorous protective act.

what do we find? Why, that we are selling more of our cheap agricultural products and specialized Yankee manufactures to foreign purchasers than ever.

The conclusion of the naval board now investigating the Maine disaster, when arrived at, can be depended upon to be in accordance with the best facts that can be obtained and will be without partiality and regardless of consequences. The country can depend upon this because the officers who constitute the board, by virtue of their calling and their relation to the government are absolutely without political bias in performing such duties and in this sense the findings of this board will be worth more to the country than the report of any committee created by congress.

Latest reports from Russia indicate that its purchase of bullion for silver coinage has been greatly reduced and that hereafter it will use silver only for subsidiary coinage. Thus the adoption of the gold standard by this 'great country' is fairly entered upon. It was not long ago the boast of the friends of silver that their favorite metal was the currency of far more than half the population of the world. But since its abandonment by Japan, with 44,000,000 population, Russia with 136,000,000 population, and India with 296,000,000, the total population of the silver-using countries dwindles to a comparatively insignificant figure.

## A Double Benefit.

Topeka (Kan.) Capital: The Dingley law has encouraged American foreign trade by reducing American purchases abroad and increasing foreign purchases of American goods. It has been a double benefit to this country in stimulating home capital, increasing the home market and extending the foreign market. It shows that the best way to go after the "markets of the world" is to look first after the home market and put the home producer into condition to meet foreign competition at home and abroad alike.

None of these considerations will be noticed in the free trade press because they show once more by official statistics the hollowiness of the free trade professions and the wrong-headedness of the free trade theory. If the opposition to the Republican principle of tariff for protection were to give out the facts and leave the deductions therefrom to be drawn by the people, instead of holding to exploded theories in spite of monumental proofs to the contrary, and if they would confine themselves to the trade statistics instead of to the theories of doctrinaires written in books, there would be no free trade party in this country inside of six months.

## The Sure La Grippe Cure.

There is no use suffering from this dreadful malady, if you will only get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body, your liver is out of order, have no appetite, no life or ambition, have a bad cold, in fact are completely used up. Electric Bitters is the only remedy that will give you prompt and sure relief. They act directly on your Liver, Stomach and Kidneys, tone up the whole system and make you feel like a new being. They are guaranteed to cure or price refunded. For sale at E. L. King's and C. F. Shilling's drug stores.

St. Joseph, in Champaign county, is making vigorous efforts to get a cellulose factory, with good prospects of getting one.

There are three little things which do more work than any other three little things created—they are the ant, the bee and DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the last being the famous little pills for stomach and liver troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Rev. Fred Werbach, pastor of Champaign German Evangelical church, has accepted a call to St. Stephen's church at Wauau, Wis.

A thrill of terror is experienced when a brassy cough of croup sounds through the houses at night. But the terror soon changes to relief after One Minute Cough Cure has been administered. Safe and harmless for children. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Ms. Pulaski township has just paid off \$4,000 of railroad bonded debt and is now free of all debt. A new \$100,000 court house is predicted for the near future.

Don't annoy others by your coughing, and risk your life by neglecting a cold. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The road commissioners are trying to get the usual county aid for a new iron bridge over Mud Creek, near the residence of John White, north of Allentown in Tazewell county.

B. A. Pierce of Piper City, assaulted the editor of the Journal of that place, because of an item published by the latter.

Langley camp, S. of V. of Champaign has tendered their services to the United States in the event of war with Spain.

## Without A Rival.

As a positive cure for sprains, bruises, and pains of all kinds, Salvation Oil has no equal. Mrs. Frank Juit, 518 Gratiot Ave., Detroit, Mich., writes: "I used Salvation Oil in my family and can say it has no rival as a liniment; it certainly cures pains. I sprained my ankle and it cured me and since then I have always used it for any pains and bruises." Salvation Oil is sold for only 25 cents. No other remedy will do the work as promptly.

## A CREDIT TO HIS RACE.

George H. White, the Only Colored Congressman.

He Has Won the Respect of All Who Know Him by His Modesty and Devotion to His High Ideals.

The only colored member of the Fifty-fifth congress is George H. White, of the Second district of North Carolina, who during the short time he has served in congress has won the respect and esteem of his associates. Mr. White is of mixed race. There is Irish, Indian and negro blood in his veins, and it is not too much to say that he possesses many of the best characteristics of these races. He has the wit of the Irishman, the faithfulness of the negro, the patience and endurance of the Indian, and to this curious mixture, perhaps, he owes the success which he has attained.

Like nearly all of the men of his race who have risen to prominence, Mr. White owes his success in life largely to himself, to his own perseverance and his ability to conquer difficulties. His early studies were much interrupted because of the necessity he was under to do manual labor on farms and in the forests, and it was not until he was 17 years old that his serious education was actually begun at what was then known as a "subscription school." He finally came to Washington and entered Howard university, where he was graduated with honors in 1877, paying from his own earnings all of his college and personal expenses.

Subsequently he began the study of medicine, but finding this uncongenial he returned to North Carolina, where he began the study of law under Judge William J. Clarke, and was admitted to the bar. Later, when admitted to practice in the supreme court of his state, he was the only colored man in a class of 32. To meet the expenses of his law course Mr. White taught school, and was then, as he is now, an enthusiast on the higher education of his race, believing that its development will come through this means only. He is remembered as a remarkable teacher.



GEORGE H. WHITE.  
(The Only Colored Member of the Fifty-fifth Congress.)

in that he inspired his students to their best efforts, and gave them new ambitions and a wider point of view. During his services in the house of representatives of his state he introduced and was the author of a bill creating four state normal schools; and, indeed, he is credited with having done more to advance education in North Carolina than any other man in that state.

Mr. White was nominated to his present place by acclamation, and at the election worsted his opponent by more than 4,000 majority. He has, says the New York Tribune, all the attributes that go to make a politician: an understanding of human nature, a deep knowledge of public questions, and he is rarely gifted as an orator—logical, forcible and convincing. Through thrift and economy Mr. White has amassed a modest competency. In a word, the colored member from the Second North Carolina district should be a model to his race, and no one could study his career without receiving benefit from it.

## Flooding Job Printing Office.

There is a rather unique craft on the Alabama river tied up at the foot of Commerce street in Montgomery, Ala. It has no name, and its tonnage is not known. It does not carry freight or passengers for hire, but contains a well equipped job printing office, with a full stock of printers' supplies. The proprietor, his wife and five children occupy the front part of the craft, and the presses, chases and cases the rear. When the gauplank is hauled in it is understood that the business is closed for the day, and he is not disturbed by company, except by an occasional visit from a fisherman at night. It is said he does a good business. Having no taxes or license to pay, and no house rent to bother him, he can do work cheaper than his competitors in business.

## Wifely Consistence in Arabia.

When an Arab woman is tired of widowhood and desires to marry again, she goes the night before the wedding to her husband's tomb and prays him not to be offended. To make quite sure of his forgiveness, she brings with her two large goatskins filled with water and with these she waters the grave that the refreshing liquid may soak down to the defunct husband's bones. Having thus done all she can to propitiate his spirit she goes off with a good courage to start life again as a wife.

## America's Oldest Sleigh.

The "Deacon's One-Hoss Sleigh" has been outdone by the colonel's one-hoss sleigh. A sleigh made by Col. David Moseley in 1776 has been in the family service ever since. It is now owned by Edward Moseley, of Westfield, a great-grandson. It is a low-backed affair, and a "hansom cutter" even now.

## MARKETS.

CHICAGO, ILL., March 4.

Wheat—	Open-	High-	Low-	Close-	Yes-
March	ing.	est.	est.	ing.	day.
May.....	1 08 1/4	1 08 1/4	1 07 1/4	1 07 1/4	1 06 1/4
July.....	91 1/4	91 1/4	90 3/4	90 3/4	91 1/4
Sept.....	88 1/4	88 1/4	87 1/4	87 1/4	88 1/4
Oct.....	85 1/4	85 1/4	84 1/4	84 1/4	85 1/4
Nov.....	82 1/4	82 1/4	81 1/4	81 1/4	82 1/4
Dec.....	79 1/4	79 1/4	78 1/4	78 1/4	79 1/4
Jan.....	76 1/4	76 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	76 1/4
Feb.....	73 1/4	73 1/4	72 1/4	72 1/4	73 1/4
Mar.....	70 1/4	70 1/4	69 1/4	69 1/4	70 1/4
Apr.....	67 1/4	67 1/4	66 1/4	66 1/4	67 1/4
May.....	64 1/4	64 1/4	63 1/4	63 1/4	64 1/4
June.....	61 1/4	61 1/4	60 1/4	60 1/4	61 1/4
July.....	58 1/4	58 1/4	57 1/4	57 1/4	58 1/4
Aug.....	55 1/4	55 1/4	54 1/4	54 1/4	55 1/4
Sept.....	52 1/4	52 1/4	51 1/4	51 1/4	52 1/4
Oct.....	49 1/4	49 1/4	48 1/4	48 1/4	49 1/4
Nov.....	46 1/4	46 1/4	45 1/4	45 1/4	46 1/4
Dec.....	43 1/4	43 1/4	42 1/4	42 1/4	43 1/4
Jan.....	40 1/4	40 1/4	39 1/4	39 1/4	40 1/4
Feb.....	37 1/4	37 1/4	36 1/4	36 1/4	37 1/4
Mar.....	34 1/4	34 1/4	33 1/4	33 1/4	34 1/4

To-Day's Receipts—Cash Lots.

Wheat—66; Estimated, 55; a year ago, 16  
Corn—59; Estimated, 67; a year ago, 25  
Oats—24; Estimated, 26; a year ago, 29.

Estimates for To-Morrow.

Wheat, 90; Corn, 65; Oats, 25.

Hogs.

Hog receipts, 25,000. Estimated, 25,000.

Market 50 lower.

Light, \$3.80@4.10; Mixed, \$3.90@4.10;  
Heavy, \$4.00@4.10; Rough, \$3.80@3.90.

Estimated for to-morrow, 10,000.

Cattle.

Cattle receipts, 4,000. Market steady.

The World's Population.

New York Tribune: Hubner's statistical and geographical tables, as a result of the latest investigations, give the population of the world at 1,330,000,000. This is an increase over the figures of 1896 of 23,000,000. To this increase Europe is credited with contributing 5,700,000; Asia, 6,200,000; Africa, 7,500,000; America, 3,200,000. The United States, with its great growth, estimated by this authority at 2,800,000, and its present population, placed at 72,300,000, represents more than 3 per cent of the entire population of North and South America—a circumstance adduced as highly significant, and occurring in no other part of the earth. The population of Europe was increased to 375,800,000, which is about a quarter of the entire population of the earth.

Wabash Dining Car Service.

Commencing Monday, February 23, the Wabash have arranged for the following dining car service: Train No. 6, leaving Decatur 6:28 a. m., serving breakfast to Lafayette; train No. 5, leaving Lafayette 12:30 p. m., serving dinner to Danville Junction; train No. 4, leaving Danville Junction 1:50 p. m., serving dinner to Lafayette; train No. 7, leaving Lafayette 3:52 p. m., serving supper to Decatur.—26-d1w

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1896.

Messrs. ELY BROS.—I have used Ely's Cream Balm a number of years and find it works like a charm. It has cured me of the most obstinate case of cold in the head in less than 48 hours from the time I felt the cold coming on. I would not be without it. Respectfully yours,  
283 Hart St. FRED K. FLURS.

Cream Palm is kept by all druggists.

Full size 50c. Trial size 10 cents. We mail it.

ELY BROS., 56 Warren St., N. Y. City.



# **INN AND SCRUGGS** DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

Again...

advertised these four lots of Men's Shirts last and three salesmen were kept busy most of the day. The same high class goods are at the same low class prices again tomorrow. For the best shirt values ever offered in a city.

Colored Bosom and all Colored Shirts—"Mauhattan," and "Star" brand—all \$1.50 and \$1.75 goods—complete size set patterns at—

\$1.10

Colored Bosom Shirts—"Silver" and "Gold" brand—extra to match bosom—a full line of sizes—worth to \$1.25—at—

83c

Men's Fancy All Over Shirts—many neat stripe and some have cuffs and collars—others have cuffs only—\$1.00 shirts and we've had them as a leader at 89c. Now marked—

63c

Shirts—attached collars and cuffs—scores of new and desirable—the best 75c shirts ever offered in Decatur. For Saturday

49c

# **INN AND SCRUGGS** DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

Hosiery...

learned to expect real values in these Special Sales, and you're never disappointed. In our careful attention to all the essentials of dress—we see that shapes, yarns and dyes are best obtainable for the money—and when it comes to why—just note these prices.

Good quality, Fast Black Stockings—would be cheap at 12½c Saturday at—

9c pair.

Black Stockings—very elastic—we bought them for a leader tomorrow at—

15c pair.

Black Stockings—high spliced heels—very elastic—"out" worth 20c pair—for Saturday they're—

15c pair.

Three lots of Children's Stockings—the best values ever offered store—all fresh, new, clean goods—at three very

9c, 13c, 15c pair.

# **ring Hats.**

We are showing the new spring blocks in all dimensions in Stiff Hats. We are the celebrated "Langley" and "in Blacks, Seal Browns, French Sable and Otter.

as we are the "Long-Enquirer" Brown, Sable and Pearl. Many of them are new under brims, the under side being of a different color from the hat.

Dressers

Will find much to interest them in our Hat Stock.

**INE CLOTHING CO.,**

N. Water St., Next to Bradley Bros.

## **Tests Patience.**

The Most Patient People Must Show Annoyance at Times.

Nothing spoils a good disposition quicker.

Nothing taxes a man's patience, like any itching of the skin. Itching piles almost drive you crazy. All day it makes you miserable. All night it keeps you awake. Itch. Itch. Itch. With no relief. Just the same with eczema? Can hardly keep from scratching it. You would do so but you know it makes it worse.

Such miseries are daily decreasing. People are learning they can be cured. Learning the merit of Doan's Ointment.

Plenty of proof that Doan's Ointment will cure piles, Eczema or any itches of the skin. Read the testimony of a Decatur citizen.

Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, living with her daughter, Mrs. M. Barlow of 548 North Main street, says: "During the winter of 1897 I had a humor or eczema break out on my face and it was very irritating and looked bad. I used several salves and ointments but they did not bring about the desired result. I was visiting my granddaughter the past summer and she gave me a box of Doan's Ointment. The first application relieved the irritation. I continued the treatment for a week or more when it healed up nicely and did not even leave a scar. It has shown no signs of breaking out since. You may publish my name for I should like every one to know what a grand remedy Doan's Ointment is."

Doan's Ointment for sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-McBarn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name Doan's and take no substitute.

## **Freeman Bros.,**

150 MERCHANT ST.

Have the finest line of

**SPRING AND SUMMER SHOES**

In the city. Have all colors, sizes and widths.

We are sole agents in Decatur for "SOROSIS"

the new shoe for women.

**POWERS GRAND OPERA HOUSE**  
J. F. GIVEN Manager.

MONDAY, MARCH 7th.

THE FAMOUS  
\* NEW \*  
**HANLON'S SUPERBA...**

A GORGEOUS SPECTACLE,  
With a Stage Full of People.  
PRETTY GIRLS TILL YOU CAN'T REST

GRAND BALLETS,  
AMUSING SPECIALTIES,  
CHARMING SCENERY...  
A MAGNIFICENT PRODUCTION.

—PRICES—25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.—  
Tickets on sale at the Opera House Drug Store Friday evening at 5 o'clock sharp.

**Administrator's Notice.**  
STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
Macon County.

In the County Court of the January Term, A. D. 1898.

Josiah M. Cloukey, Administrator of the estate of Mary F. Cloukey, deceased, vs. Irving W. Gordanier, Louis E. Gordanier, Albert A. Gordanier, Katie L. Gordanier and The People's Savings and Loan Association—Petition for settlement of said estate.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the county court of Macon county, of the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled case, on the 1st day of January, A. D. 1898, of the said county court, I, Josiah M. Cloukey, administrator of the estate of Mary F. Cloukey, deceased, will on

Thursday, the 31st day of March, 1898, at twelve o'clock p. m., of said day, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public auction, in and from said estate, all the real estate in said county decreed to be sold, being described as follows, to wit:

Lot twelve (12) in block nine (9), East Park Block, situated in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, free from homestead and dower, on the following terms:

Terms of Sale—The cash in hand on day of sale, the remainder to be paid six months from day of sale, the deferred payments to be secured by the note or notes of the purchaser, or purchaser's, with good personal security and a mortgage or mortgages, on the premises so sold, the deferred payments to bear six per cent interest per annum from date of sale, with privilege on the part of purchaser or purchaser's, of paying purchase money all cash. Promises to be sold subject to taxes for 1897.

Dated March 2, 1898.

JOSIAH M. CLOKEY,  
Administrator of the estate of Mary F. Cloukey, deceased.

## **MEASURES THE STARS.**

An American Girl's Success as an Astronomer.

Has Charge of an Important Department of the Paris Observatory—Her Whole Life Round Up in Her Work.

American girls for a long time have been carrying off some of the best art prizes in Paris, and the French have grown to accept it as a foregone conclusion that they will continue to do so; but they were taken by surprise when Miss Dorothea Klumpke, a San Francisco girl, won her way into the Paris astronomical observatory over the heads of the 50 Frenchmen who were competing, and she now has charge of the department which computes the measurements of the stars in the Paris belt, with several young French women under her direction. She has a special bureau of her own in the great observatory garden, and it is covered with ivy and surrounded by flowers. Here Miss Klumpke works eagerly from nine in the morning till five in the afternoon, and frequently at night she stays up in the round tower with her telescope turned searchingly upon the stars. Her whole life is bound up in her work. She delights in it, and she bequeaths to her as intimate as the little garden of her bureau, where the snails crawl over the paths and the French roses bloom. Her special duty is to photograph all the stars in her belt. This is done on small plates about six inches square, and two impressions are taken of each star, so that there may be no mistake. The plates are marked off in squares a sixteenth of an inch across by spider webs, as anything else would be too clumsy. The impressions of the stars are only little specks, but their position on the squares of the plates is carefully computed, and the result noted in books which will be used several hundred years from now, so that science may know if any of these small stars are moving bodies.

Miss Klumpke went to Europe ten years ago at the age of 20, and has studied in Germany, Switzerland and Paris. She has a brilliant education,



DOROTHEA KLUMPKÉ.  
(Member of the Staff of the Paris Astronomical Observatory.)

and is a charming and accomplished woman of whom all Americans may well be proud. She has recently been decorated by the French government. She is one of a group of remarkable sisters; Anna Klumpke is a famous portrait painter of Lady Augusta is a practicing physician in Paris, and Julia, the youngest, a girl of 19, is one of the most brilliant of France's pupils. They were all born in San Francisco, and educated in the public schools of that city. Their father was born in Holland, and went to America when very young. He settled in the south, but in '49 went west with the gold-seekers.

Miss Klumpke's great ambition is to finish her immense task in Paris, and to return to her own country to carry on her work in science. She is a firm believer in the astronomical future of America, and feels confident that it will soon lead the world in the great science.

Miss Klumpke, in spite of her love for science, has still a woman's fancy for pretty clothes, and dresses in charming taste, her gowns being of her own designing.

**Plans About Mining Companies.**  
There are 352 mining stock companies in the United States which have made a practice of declaring dividends and paying assessments publicly, so that the amount of each can be determined. Of that number four have paid over \$10,000,000 each, nine have paid over \$5,000,000 and less than \$10,000,000 each, 37 have paid over \$1,000,000 and less than \$5,000,000 each, and 199 have paid over \$100,000 and less than \$1,000,000 each, and 102 have paid less than \$100,000 each. Two hundred and nine have levied assessments at some time in their existence. Three levied total assessments of over \$5,000,000 each; 22 over \$1,000,000 and less than \$5,000,000; 60 over \$500,000 and less than \$1,000,000; and 124 less than \$500,000 each.

**Large Deposit of Asbestos.**  
A deposit of fossilized asbestos was recently discovered near Lompoc, Cal. The indications are that this deposit is nearly 100 feet thick and a quarter of a mile long. It lies near the surface and many tons have been uncovered. It is being shipped east at the rate of six car loads a week. It is said to be the most extensive in area and the best in quality yet discovered anywhere.

**Electric Cooking Utensil.**  
Food can be quickly cooked in a new electric utensil which has two casings surrounding a non-conducting material with a string of beads of refracting material wound around the inside casing on a wire, through which the current passes to heat the food inside the cooker.

## **PERSONAL.**

—Mrs. Cass Nicholson is ill.

—J. A. Wilson, of Casner, is in the city today.

—Mrs. Hard of Cerro Gordo is the guest of Mrs. Blizer.

—Mrs. A. T. Hill is the guest of Belmont friends.

—Mrs. Ed Willoughby of Maroa is in the city today.

—Dr. A. M. Drew is in Weldon on professional business.

—John Zickafosse, of Cerro Gordo, was in the city today.

—Miss Lois Graves of Bement is the guest of Decatur friends.

—Frank Gray, late of Blue Mound, is now in the employ of Max Atlas.

—Mrs. Phillip Shambaugh of Oakley is the guest of Mrs. Harry Howard.

—Miss Mary Nesbitt, the oculist, is ill at her home on South Colfax street.

—W. F. Widack, of Bethany, transacted business in Decatur today.

—Miss Emma Boggs of Lovington is visiting with Decatur friends today.

—Austin Wood of Lovington is in the city on business.

—Mrs. Clara Walker, of Tacoma, Wash., is in the city for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Martha T. Eymann.

—Baldwin Starr, who has been very sick of tonsillitis for the past week, is improving.

—Mrs. J. L. Morgan of West Macon street, who has been seriously ill, is improving.

—D. M. Riber of Blue Mound is the guest of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.

—Arthur [Dumont left last night for Datonia, Fla., where he will spend several weeks.

—Miss Carolyn Griswold left last night to join the Decatur party at Datonia, Fla., for the remainder of the winter.

—Dr. Silas E. McClelland returned to Champaign this morning to be with his brother, Dr. Clarence McClelland, who is seriously ill.

—Rev. J. J. Wilson, of Fairmount, was the guest of Decatur friends last night and today, en route to his home from Mt. Zion, where he attended the Decatur Presbytery this week.

**Sunday School Class Entertained.**

Miss Spencer's Sunday school class of the First Baptist church met at the home of C. B. Padon, 324 South Main street last evening. After the regular business meeting was adjourned an interesting program was given. All present were required to draw a subject from a previously prepared list and deliver an address on the subject chosen, after which a member of the party acted as a critic. Other games were played and refreshments were served. Those present were Miss Ella Spencer, Messrs. Ira Garver, W. H. Coughlin, C. B. Padon, George Owen, Bert Leib and Sylvester Swamy.

**Sunday School Convention.**

Rev. Dr. Stone, a state Sunday school worker, was in the city today to confer with Rev. Bowyer, the pastor of the First Baptist church, in regard to a state Sunday school convention, which will be held in this city some time in April. The purpose of the convention is to give the teachers an opportunity to be instructed. Some of the best Sunday school speakers in the state will be present and make addresses. The convention is held by the Baptist churches of the state, but all denominations are invited.

**Ladies' Society.**

The members of the ladies' society of the First Baptist church held a meeting this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Eli Dawson, on North Church street.

**Adjourned Till Tomorrow.**

The case of Joseph Arthur vs. I. A. Buckingham and Charles E. Sobrell was still on trial in the circuit court today. Evidence was heard this morning and as noon court adjourned until tomorrow morning.

**The Last Call.**

The tax collector's office must close March 10. If you have not paid your personal taxes you should call at once and pay them. Office second floor court house. Open evenings—2 o'clock.

**Bucklen's Arnica Salve.**

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

**Superintendent McKee, Trainmaster Campbell and Civil Engineer Underwood of the Vandalla passed through the city today.**

—Judge Vall went to Chicago this morning on business.

The teachers of the Baptist church will hold a meeting this evening at the church.

**Given Up by Four Doctors.**

Beaver Dam, O., Aug. 27, 1895. My daughter, after being treated by four doctors, and being given up for lost, a neighbor recommended Foley's Kidney Cure. To-day she is able to walk several miles without fatigue. I feel we would have lost her if it was not for your medicine. Respectfully,  
Mrs. J. M. Bailey.

—H. W. B. II, N. L. Krone.

# **...SPRING, 1898...**

## **Correct Styles in Hats.**

NEW SIGLAR HATS . . .

New Shades==Brown, Walnut, Nutra, Pearl and Black.

THE KNOX HATS . . .

We are the Agents.

FULL LINE OF MEDIUM PRICED HATS,  
Soft and Stiff Hats.

# **New Spring OVERCOATS...**

Men's Covert Cloth Overcoats, Cut in the Latest Style Box Coats, at . . . . . \$6.00

Fine ones up to \$20, in the New Tan Shades, Some Lined Throughout with Pure Dye Silk, Thoroughly Tailored==Perfect fitting . . . . .

## **NEW CAPS==For Spring Wear, For Men and Boys...**

## **OTTENHEIMER & CO.**

The Reliable, Progressive Clothiers and Furnishers.

**Assessment Companies.**

Paris, Ill., March 4.—The local policy holders of the Covenant Mutual Insurance company of Galesburg held an indignation meeting here yesterday and took preliminary steps toward contesting the legality of advanced assessments recently imposed upon the older members. The increase applies to those who became members of the organization prior to 1890, and those that are affected by the ruling feel that it is designed to crowd them out and make them forfeit their insurance. A general meeting of all policy holders in eastern Illinois has been called for March 10 in this city, to determine upon a line of action.

Springfield, Ill., March 4.—At the session of the grand lodge of the Independent Order of Mutual Aid, F. R. Moore of Peoria was censured and expelled from the grand lodge for publishing matter prejudicial to the order. The per capita tax was increased from \$1 to \$3 per annum for the purpose of increasing the reserve fund. A resolution was adopted authorizing the grand officers to institute a grand lodge of the degree of Ruth. The newly elected officers were installed at the grand lodge.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

A man seldom forgives an injury until after he has availed himself of an opportunity to get even.

What pleasure is there in life with a headache, constipation and biliousness? Thousands experience them who could become perfectly healthy by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Convicts might be properly termed bread and water winners.

**Going Down Hill.**  
People suffering from Kidney Diseases feel a gradual but steady loss of strength and vitality. They should lose no time in trying Foley's Kidney Cure, a guaranteed preparation. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Actors who wear stove-pipe hats ought to be able to draw well.

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**25c**

Buy 75c Shoes for Infants in Powers' Bargain Basement, at 143 East Main Street.

**50c**

Buy \$1.25 Child's Shoe in Powers' Bargain Basement, 143 East Main Street.

**75c**

Buy \$2.00 Child's Shoe in Powers' Bargain Basement, 143 East Main St.

**\$1.85**

Buy Ladies' \$3.00 Shoes in Powers' Bargain Basement, 143 East Main St.

**GENTLEMEN:**

Powers calls attention to his New \$2.98 Shoes, made in all kinds of leather, hand sewed welt, up to date in every respect; better than many \$4.00 shoes, and equal to some sold at \$5.00 in other stores. 1400 pairs sold last fall and nothing but praise from everyone.

Over 5,000 have visited and purchased in Powers' Bargain Basement since its opening. A complete stock of reliable shoes at much below the market value.

I am not connected with any other shoe store in Decatur. My store on East Main street is absolutely my only place of business.

**GEO. W. POWERS.**

**\$1.50**

Buy Ladies' \$4.00 Patent Leather Spring Heel Shoes in Powers' Bargain Basement, 143 E. Main Street.

**\$1.00**

Buy Misses \$2.00 Spring Heel Tan Shoes, in Powers' Bargain Basement, 143 E. Main St.

**98c**

Buy Children's splendid wearing Shoes in Powers' Bargain Basement Shoe Store.

**\$1.19**

Buy Ladies' Tan Shoes, Splendid for wear, in Powers' Bargain Basement, 143 E. Main st.



## THORNS TO SIT UPON.

Many people gather thorns by failing to heed the warning sent out by diseased kidneys—coated tongue—parched skin—feverishness—dull, dragging pain—general feeling of weariness—is sure evidence of kidney and bladder trouble. Take Utah Kidney Beans at once—they will cure you—they have cured thousands of others. The TURNERS of PHILADELPHIA make Utah Kidney Beans.

R. B. Samuel, County Clerk of Hickman county, Clinton, Kentucky, testifies, that he suffered for years with horrible pains in the back, kidneys and bladder—was treated by many physicians—brought him no relief—he got so that he could hardly stand alone—Utah Kidney Beans, he says, completely cured him. He gladly recommends them to all sufferers.

DECATUR AGENTS, C. F. SCHILLING AND N. L. KRONE.

Turners' Little Liver Turners—A very small pill. Turns the liver. A true laxative. An after-dinner pill.



## YOU DON'T WANT

to wear artificial teeth until you are obliged to, and you will not be obliged to wear them if you will save those natural teeth. If they can't be filled they can be crowned, and that answers the purpose just as well and will last you just as long and do you as much service as your natural teeth. Don't have your teeth extracted until you know nothing can be done for it.

## DR. CHILDS, The Dentist.

Rooms 6 and 7, over Bradley Bros.

## PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

**B. I. STERRETT**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.  
OFFICE—Over Dryden Clothing Store, Decatur.

**DR. HOWARD M. WOOD**  
HOMEOPATHIST.  
222 North Main, over Maienthal's.

Office hours 8 to 10 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 8 p. m.  
Telephone—Office, 277. Residence, 1446.  
Residence, 215, N. Edward St.

**HARRY K. MIDKIFF,**  
Constable and Collector.  
147 South Water St.  
Telephone—Old 226, New 78. Residence, Old 30.  
COLLECTOR'S A SPECIALTY.

**ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL.**  
CHAS. LAUX, Proprietor.  
South Side Lincoln Square, Decatur, Ill.

**GEO. P. HARDY,**  
Justice of the Peace,  
147 South Water Street.  
Apr 23-47

**HERMAN SPIES.**  
Book Binder.  
Practical Book Binding and Blank Book Manufacturing. 137 South Water street, Decatur, Ill. Mailed orders bound, names stamped in 10 to 15 cent books.

## Assignee Sale

**ABEL CARPET WALL**  
PAPER CO.

Entire stock at a price.  
Many articles one-half off.

**J. W. RACE, Assignee.**

Feb 18-47

**W. H. SPENCE, Contractor.**

Painting, Paperhanging,  
Calceining, Decorating, Etc.

ESTIMATES FURNISHED ON SHORT NOTICE.  
NOTICE—Address Riverside Place, or call up New Phone No 616. Feb 23-47

## Health is Wealth.



**DR. E. C. WEST'S**  
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## MAMMOTH ANT CASTLES.

They Were Built by the Druidical  
Ants of Australia.

Construct Larger Works in Proportion  
to Their Size Than Any Other  
Creatures on Earth—Some of  
Their Ruined Homes.

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Man looks at the pyramids of Egypt or the Eiffel tower, then at himself, and marvels at the massive proportions of these works when compared with the size of the builder. The druidical ants of Australia are not so conceited. They haven't time for conceit when at work upon their gigantic mounds. Yet there isn't a creature upon the earth which constructs a larger work in proportion to its size than do these indefatigable toilers.

A traveler who was new to the bush engaged two bushmen to pilot him through the back blocks of Queensland. They went out of their way in search of water, which was finally found in the early dusk of the evening; then they lined themselves back towards their proper route by the caps of the hills out beyond Yandilla. These went down in the night behind the forests, and after wandering aimlessly in the dark until long after midnight they built a fire with which to dispel the dampness. They slept until the sun was high up in the trees. Then, looking up, the traveler peered through the starling forest and exclaimed:

"Why, here are the ruins of an old town!"

His companions simply laughed.

"Can't you see the high, broken walls there?" he demanded, somewhat piqued at their levity.

His anger stirred their mirth still further.

"Them ain't no ruins, mate; them's ant hills."

"Heh!" the traveler grunted, staring at the bushmen.

They were familiar enough to the first settler who had "humped his



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swag" and "looked" it on those hot plains for years. The great mounds stretched up far above the lower branches of the trees. From where the traveler sat they looked like broken columns—others resembled bifurcated spires, and unfluted bastions and parapets. Little mounds squatted here and there like the domes of a Maori graveyard, broken at the top by the weather and long exposure.

Those silent stacks were more amazing the more one studied them. The surface upon which they stood was perfectly level, and as far as the eye could see the red pillars of gigantic height reared their grotesque forms above the earth. They seemed to stand in groups or villages; and, while the pillars were reddish, the soil about them was of a grayish, or light chocolate color—a sort of loamy trap—which showed that the material had been brought up from some depth and spread over the surface in plastic state.

In the village nearest the camp fire there were 60 spires of these colossal hills within a radius of 200 yards. The tallest measured 10 feet in height, and its base, which was irregular, had a circumference of more than 80 feet, being 25 feet long and about 15 feet thick. The others varied in height and depth, the smallest having its apex scarcely four feet above the ground. The clay which formed them was hard; the outer surface, even after its exposure to the hot sun and heavy rains, was firm and did not crumble. These big heaps of dirt felt like solid stone when they were touched.

The traveler had with difficulty dug into the side of one of them, and was in the act of cracking off the side of a smaller spire with a cudgel when one of the bushmen, noticing him, called out: "Say, there, mister, stop that!"

"Why?" the experimenter asked.

"If you open that stink-pot there'll be no use tryin' to eat in this paddock. It'll smell like mashed ants until it'll make us sick at the stomach for days."

When his guides had explained the effect of the pungent fumes of the formic acid on the inquisitive "new chum" who tamper with ant-hills their charge quickly desisted; but a dilapidated mound further on excited his curious eye to inspect the interior labyrinth of these engineering little insects; and the work showed an intelligence as amazing as was the size of the outer structure. There were chambers, nests, galleries, storage rooms and cells, which it must have taken millions of workers years to construct. But the fortress was deserted. It had evidently been ten feet high, and the big pieces lay about like honeycombed terra cotta, much worse for wear.

These monster ant-hills extended for more than 50 miles through that straggling eucalyptus forest. They are said by old "swagmen" to extend for hundreds of miles without break in the northern and western gulf country of Australia.

In digging for water in the vicinity of the mounds workmen have cut through tiers of passages at depths of from six to twenty feet, and as much as 300 yards from the spires. Often the digging had to be abandoned for fear of contaminating the water. In one place in the Peak Downs country the earth had been so perforated with these ant-bored that the diggers incontinently fled from the horrible effluvia which the earth emitted. It seems that the ants had so perfectly cemented their little subterranean passages that they became round flues; when cut they looked like quills of terra cotta drawn through the earth.

The appearance of this cobweb of ant trails in the ground has led to the statement that these areas are simply a bed of ants; but this is the reverse of the fact. The ant lives only in the hills, and merely drills out the earth for building material. Its living is garnered from the outer earth, which it generally enters through a sort of boomerang-shaped tunnel, one end of which is in the big ant-hill, while the other opens upon the level ground. Many of these little doors are found adjacent to the high columns. For miles and miles these little borerers have dug their tiny balls of clay from the bowels of the earth and patiently toiled at them until they were eventually smoothed out upon the building surface of the ant castle. The traveler who

## A MOTHER-BIRD'S LOVE.

How a Pigeon Cut Her Way to Her Imprisoned Young One.

In the animal kingdom there are many strong examples of mother love, and the birds are particularly noted for displaying it. A remarkable instance of this maternal instinct was recently noticed near Elwood, Ind. A mother pigeon whose young one had mysteriously disappeared searched unceasingly for weeks for the little one, and one day last December she was seen flying violently against the side of a frame building in the city.

Each time she came in contact with the house she clipped off a small bit of wood with her bill. For nearly two days the old bird kept this practice up, often during that time falling exhausted from the repeated shocks and the fatigue. In the afternoon of the second day she had pecked a hole in the wall, the wood of which was old and soft from the weather. This hole was large enough to admit a man's head, and through this the mother bird went and came.

Every time she entered she carried grain or seeds or grass. Some curious people investigated the hole while she was absent, and there they found the little lost pigeon, just below the hole, wedged in between the weather boards. For two days more the bird continued to bring the little one food, and would stay fluttering near the hole, chirruping and trying to cheer the little prisoner up. Many times it entered and seemed to be trying to extricate its young one, but it could not succeed in doing so, try as it would. The prisoner had flown into the building, which was empty, and managed to get between the weather boarding, near the top of the inside. Failing a considerable distance, it lodged in the narrow space, which did not permit it to use its wings in rising again. Its plaints had reached the mother and she, not being able to reach it from the inside, had cut through from without. An admiring man thrust his hand through the hole and brought out the fluttering young thing, to the great delight of the anxious mamma bird.—Chicago Chronicle.

"That Tired Feeling"

overcomes us when inferior preparations are recommended by unscrupulous dealers as "just as good as Foley's Honey and Tar Cough Syrup," when we know the unequalled merits of this great cough medicine. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

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To Consumptives

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J. F. Child's of Homer, aged 73, died of pneumonia.

After years of untold suffering from piles, B. W. Purcell, of Knitersville, Pa., was cured by using a single box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases, such as eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores, are readily cured by this famous remedy. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Champaign county Republican convention will be held April 14 in Urbana.

The Mt. Olive Silver Band has volunteered its services to the United States to go to Cuba, sending to the naval department a resolution to that effect signed by each of the 20 members.

Edward Ryan and Mary Seragge of Lincoln, were married Monday at Springfield.

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Tan Russian Calf, and  
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Some people like olive oil; it's too greasy for many, though. Some people prefer glycerine, but that is too sticky for others. But more people are learning about Benzoin Cream every day—more people are using it. It isn't sticky or greasy, and it softens and heals. 25 cents.

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No. 263 N. Main Street,

### LOCAL NEWS.

Davis' 15c delivery. Cab, 25c.  
Smoke the Little J, 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Smoke the Queen, manufactured by Kedrick & Keesink.—16-dtf

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtf

Smoke the Little J 5 cent cigar, guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.

Dunlap & Co.'s Spring Styles for 1898 now on sale at Bohon, McReynolds & Co. Feb 25-dtf

It works easily and quickly. Needs no cooking, will not stick to the iron. Electric Luster Starch in Blue Packages—18-dimo

Go to Spencer & Lohman's, corner of Wood and Main streets, for fine and medium grade buggies, surreys, phaetons, road wagons, roadcoats, spring wagons, farm wagons.—m1-d&wtf

Strawberries—Pearl Oyster and Fish Co. Tel., old and new, 344.—8-d3t

The six buns who were yesterday arrested for looting in a caboose in the Wash yard were sentenced to jail by Justice Provoost.

At 223 North Main street the largest stock of fresh bulk Garden Seeds; also the greatest assortment of Flower Seeds ever brought to Decatur. Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums in bulk. Durfee & Culp. feb 9-dtf

### Special Notice.

All non-union bricklayers are requested to appear at Cigar-makers' hall on East Main street March 10, at 7:30 p. m., by special request of the Bricklayers' Union.

### Cigars.

Try our new Supreme Judge 5 cent cigars, the best in the market.

L. CHODAT'S NEWS HOUSE.

### A Harness Thief.

Last night Officer Williamson arrested Albert Farr for stealing a set of harness from the Smoek hotel. Farr had taken the harness and was trying to dispose of the stolen goods when he was arrested. He was locked in the city prison and will be given a hearing this afternoon. He is an old hand at harness stealing, having been arrested for the same offense about two years ago.

### A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial; took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman. Trial bottles 10c, at J. F. King's and C. F. Shilling's drug stores.

### Trainmaster John Swigart.

John A. Swigart, the well known engineer, has been appointed trainmaster of the Washash for the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth districts, his territory extending from Decatur to Hannibal with the Quincy and Keokuk branches. Mr. Swigart assumes the position formerly occupied by Trainmaster G. W. Thompson. Since Mr. Thompson left, Alexander Robertson has been the acting trainmaster. Mr. Swigart is one of the most experienced men in the Washash service and is fully competent to fill the exacting position.

### Assumption.

Mrs. James Munson of Davis City, Iowa, was buried here yesterday. She was the daughter of S. A. Robinson, a prominent liverman of this city.

Harry Nordyke and Miss Dolly Campbell, both of this place, were married Wednesday evening by Rev. J. A. Stout.

Mrs. M. Haverfield of Bloomington, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Osburne, this week.

Miss Marie Duncan is the guest of Mrs. Lyle Stewart this week.

Miss Ella Lecharite is a Pama visitor today.

Republican Township Convention. The Republicans of Friends Creek township will meet in convention Saturday, March 19, at 8 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of nominating candidates for the township offices. E. H. Thomas, Chairman; F. R. Quarry, Secretary.—8-d&w

Saturday Afternoon Euchre Club. The Saturday Afternoon Euchre club will be entertained by Miss Noble Merriweather of West Main street tomorrow afternoon.

GIVE THE CHILDREN A DRINK called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, acid-bile food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee but is free from all its injurious properties. Grain-O adds digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder, and children as well as adults can drink it with great benefit. Costs about 4c as much as coffee. Price 15c and 25c.

## A GOOD SESSION

### Close of Presbytery Meeting at Mt. Zion.

### J. S. KEENER WAS MODERATOR

Historic Gavel Used—List of Preachers and Elders Present—Church Affairs in Decatur C. P. District.

The spring session of Decatur Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, which met at Mt. Zion Tuesday evening, March 1, closed Thursday evening. The fall session of this Presbytery will begin at Windsor, Shelby county, the first Tuesday in September next.

This Presbytery embraces the counties of Macon, Ethingam, and a part of Coles, Shelby, Moultrie and Christian counties, and represents 19 congregations with a total membership of about 1800.

The ministers present at the session were Rev. N. M. Baker of Lincoln, W. L. Banks of Blue Mound, W. W. M. Barber of Windsor, A. G. Bergen of Mattoon, D. W. Cheek of Mt. Zion, M. Dillow of Corto Gordo, A. B. Elliott of Sullivan, A. W. Hawkins of Decatur, J. H. Hughey of Decatur, J. S. Keener of Boody, T. B. McAmis of Bethany, Arthur Morrison of North Fork, W. H. Wilson of Argenta; licentiates, S. J. Curry of Gays; candidates, W. A. Dry of Gays, George Harley of Mattoon.

The following elders were present as representatives of their respective congregations: Robert Machan of Argenta, T. H. Crowder of Bethany, W. B. Smith of Bethlehem, D. M. Riber of Blue Mound, Hugh Logan of Decatur, J. M. Moore of Gays, W. T. Moffett of Madison, B. W. Davidson of Mt. Zion, S. D. Froeland of New Hope, J. E. Rucker of North Fork, Charles Boardman of Shady Grove, C. H. Brunk of Windsor, William Birchfield of Woods Chapel, M. B. Williams of Hookford, D. T. Vermillion of Hopewell.

The program as published in the Republican of Wednesday was followed with the exception of a few minor changes.

Rev. J. S. Keener was elected moderator for the session and filled the position with dignity and impartiality.

Rev. J. J. Wilson of Foster Presbytery and Rev. Johnson of Sangamon Presbytery were visiting members and were invited to a seat with the body.

A pleasing and interesting feature of the opening of the session was the presentation to the Presbytery of a gavel by the Mt. Zion Y. P. P. C. E. society. The gavel was a historical memento as it was made from wood from the old log church at Mt. Zion, the first church built by this congregation, which was organized in 1826, and is the mother of Decatur Presbytery. The first Presbytery that met in this old log church was in 1833 and this little congregation was at that time a part of Vandalla Presbytery. One old father in Israel still lives who was present at that session.

Rev. J. W. Woods of Mattoon, who was unable to be present at the present session on account of the infirmities of old age. However, this dear old father sent a most touching and interesting paper, which was read and listened to with reverent attention by the body and placed on file with its records.

The presentation of the gavel was made by Rev. D. W. Cheek, pastor of Mt. Zion congregation, and W. L. Riber president of the U. E. society.

On Wednesday evening the women's board of missions occupied the time from 7:30 until adjournment for the day.

Mrs. McGee, field worker at large for the women's board, delivered an able address, which was quite pleasingly supplemented by an exercise by the local junior C. E. society, under the direction of its superintendent, Mrs. D. W. Cheek.

Thursday afternoon at 2:30, by special permission of the Presbytery, President Turner of Lincoln University, in a very forcible manner presented before the Presbytery the conditions and needs of the institution. This institution was reported in a very gratifying condition, but future and growing needs were presented for the keeping of this splendid university of learning in the eminent position it occupies among the institutions of the state.

At 7:30 in the evening President Turner delivered an address on "The Denominational College," to a full house. His remarks were very pungent and pointed and often punctuated by apt illustrations that kept the people in good humor and held their attention with absorbing interest.

At the close of the address the business of the Presbytery having been disposed of the body adjourned to meet September 6, at Windsor, Shelby county. The delegates and visitors were very hospitably entertained by the people of Mt. Zion and vicinity and the Presbytery tendered a vote of thanks to the people for their hearty treatment, and in return the people voted their appreciation of the privilege of having the assembly at Mt. Zion and their enjoyment of the session.

### The Ward Boundary Changes.

The change of boundary lines in the Fifth and Sixth wards and the complicated

tions which it has brought about is a matter which is being discussed a good deal by the aldermen. The boundary is changed so that Mr. Watson, the alderman from the Sixth, will live in the Fifth ward and there seems to be a difference of opinion as to whether or not he can serve out his term. Some attorneys are of the opinion that he cannot serve because he will not be living in the ward from which he is elected and others claim that he was elected by the sixth ward and has a right to serve. The statute says that persons shall be eligible to the office of alderman unless he resides in the ward for which he was elected, and it also states that aldermen shall hold their office for a term of two years and until their successor is elected and qualified. Just how the matter will develop is uncertain but if Mr. Watson moved his residence so that he will still be in the Sixth ward the matter will be simplified.

### MAYOR TAYLOR PRESENT.

### Concert at the African Methodist Church a Success.

There was a large and well pleased audience at the African Methodist church last night. The entertainment was given by the gifted young people of the church. Among the visitors were Mayor Taylor, Alderman Dewitt, Chief of Police Mason and others. A feature of the entertainment was the vocal selections rendered by a chorus of 16 voices under the direction of Prof. F. W. Westhoff. They were colored children from the public schools, and their ages ranged from 10 to 16 years. They sang three part songs in a manner that reflected credit on themselves and their instructor. Miss Susie Winchester gave an exhibition of freehand drawing that was a surprise to those who were not acquainted with this young lady's ability as an artist. The essays by Mrs. Mary Ernest, Miss Maggie Murrell and Miss Maude Ernest, the recitation by Miss Sarah King, instrumental selections by Misses Edie Grundy, Ruth Valentine and Corinne Blanton, the duet by John Thomas and Paul Caldwell, were all deserving of praise, as might also be said of the solo and quartet by Alice King, Corinne Blanton, Silvia Lawrence and Rev. R. J. M. Long, and the dialogue by Carrie King, Edward Carroll, Alice King, Nora Lawrence, Mary Ernest and Paul Caldwell. There were several songs by the company that were well received. Georgia Clanton and Gertrude Bledsoe gave a dialogue that met with favor, and the selections on the phonograph were not below. Miss Mamie E. B. Long was the accompanist on the organ. After the program refreshments were served in the basement of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ernest, under whose direction the entertainment was given, gave the children a treat of ice cream and cake.

### THE CLASS RECEPTION.

### High School Juniors Do the Handsome for the Seniors.

The reception at Guards' armory last night, given by the Juniors for the Seniors of the High school, was an elaborate and very enjoyable affair, attended by over 200 young people. It was one of the annual events in school life and arrangements for the gathering had been in progress for some months. It was a stylish affair in every respect. All of the carriages in the city were brought into requisition and the conservatories were stripped of their choicest flowers. All of the young ladies looked their sweetest in handsome gowns, nearly all of which were fashioned with extra care especially for the occasion, and the young men like McGinty, were "in their best suit of clothes," courteous and gallant as a Chesterfield. The grand march, which was led by President Ruchl and Miss Hanford, was a pretty picture, and all evening the moving figures, the lights and the flowers presented a brilliant scene. Dancing was the principal enjoyment of the evening, music by the opera house orchestra, C. H. Cassell prompter. Those who did not care to dance, whiled away the fleeting hours at cards and other games in the reception rooms on the second floor. Frape was served. Members of the board of education and of the High school faculty were in attendance.

### VERY LITTLE DISEASE.

### The City Remarkably Free from Contagious Cases During Past Month.

The members of the board of health held their regular monthly meeting last night. The board discussed various matters which came under their notice. Since the last meeting one case of contagious disease was reported to the board. That one was a case of scarlet fever and there has been no cases of diphtheria. This is a remarkable record for the month of February. Usually there are a large number of cases of contagious disease reported during that month and the fact that there was but one case shows that the city is unusually free from contagious diseases.

### Fixtures Ordered.

The building committee of the Cumberland Presbyterian church met a representative of a Chicago house this afternoon and selected the gas and electric light fixtures for the new church.

The Central Union Telephone Company are asking a 50 year franchise in Peoria.

## THE SUGAR BEET

### Discussed at a Convention Held This Afternoon

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT ROOM

Addresses by Mr. Hopkins, of Grand Island, Neb., and Prof. Holden, of the University of Illinois.

In the circuit court room this afternoon a meeting was held for the purpose of bringing before the farmers of this county facts in regard to the raising of sugar beets. The people of Illinois have recently become greatly interested in the beet sugar industry and after the state farmers' institute at Champaign a meeting was held and an association formed to bring the matter before the people. Albert Barnes, who was elected president of the association, together with Boring Burrows, arranged for the meeting in this city and secured two speakers, Mr. Hopkins of Grand Island, Neb., and Prof. Holden of the University of Illinois.

The meeting this afternoon was for the purpose of giving the farmers an opportunity to learn facts in regard to the industry that they may by practical experiments ascertain whether or not the sugar beets can be raised successfully in this part of the country. There were quite a number of persons in attendance at the meeting when it was called to order at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Besides Mr. Barnes a number of other land owners are interested in the movement. Among those in attendance at the meeting today were Lower Burrows, William Voorhes, Will Ennis and quite a number of others who own farm property. It is believed that if the beets can be successfully raised in this part of the state that the land can be made to pay much larger than any other crop now grown by the farmers.

Mr. Hopkins, the principal speaker, was introduced by Prof. Holden. He will speak nearly all the afternoon. Mr. Hopkins' opinion and statements on the subject are valuable as he is probably the highest authority in this country on the raising of beets. He was the first man who successfully raised the crop in this country and he is now engaged in the business at Grand Island, where there is a large sugar beet factory. He was engaged in the business in Germany and was brought to this country by men interested in the industry. Mr. Hopkins has made a success of the business in this country and the information he is able to furnish is of great value to the farmers if they expect to go into the business of raising beets. Prof. Holden is of the agricultural department and has experimented largely with the sugar beet and will also tell what he knows about the business.

### Boy was Released.

Melvin Lue, the 12 year old boy who has been at the county jail for the past week has been released. The boy has been wandering around the country all night and was taken up by the police. His father lives at Polo, Ill., and was notified that the boy was in custody, but he did not come to take charge of him, so the sheriff released the youngster.

### Poor Not so Numerous.

There are not as many poor people in the city suffering from want this winter as is usual. The overseer says that those who have on his list number less than 100. The charitable organizations have all been working, but the number of applications for help are not so numerous as usual.

### T. T. Springer.

Invites you to call at his store on Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5 and sample a cupful of Heekin's celebrated coffee. They are excellent.—8-dtf

### Anniversary Celebration.

The members of the Christian Endeavor society of the First Baptist church will hold an entertainment next Monday evening to celebrate the anniversary of their organization. There will be a program.

### In Honor of 13th Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bridges of West William street will entertain the Merry-Go-Round club this evening in honor of the 13th anniversary of their marriage.

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## PLENTY OF GOOD CRO

America is in Shape to Give Spain a Touncing.

Return of the Court of Inquiry to Havana—What the Divers are Doing—Spaniards Don't Like General Lec.

New York, March 5.—The Herald's Washington special says: Fully realizing the importance of preparation for any emergency, the president has directed the navy department to open negotiations looking to the purchase of warships abroad. This fact is admitted by high officials of the administration. It is further learned that eight warships in course of building for other nations which are unable pay for them and which are practically complete in foreign shipyards, have been offered the United States at a comparatively low price. They include two small battleships, two armored cruisers, and four torpedo boats. The torpedo boats are offered by the Thornycroft shipbuilding company. Of the others it is understood that this government has been offered three powerful ships under construction at Stettin, Germany, for China. There is also reason to believe that we could buy from Japan two cruisers nearing completion at Philadelphia and at the Union Iron works, San Francisco.

Pacific Coast Defense. San Francisco, Cal., March 5.—Increased supplies of ammunition for the high power guns at Presidio and Lime Point will be conveyed there today from the Benicia arsenal. It is military opinion that the defenses of the harbor are strong enough and will successfully resist any fleet that Spain could send to the Pacific.

Signing Seamen. Vallejo, Cal., March 5.—Admiral Kirkland has received orders to instruct the captain of the receiving ship Independence to sign all able bodied seamen he can pass.

Spain's Action. London, March 5.—Further inquiry confirms the report cabled yesterday of the sale of two cruisers the Armstrongs have been building for Brazil to Spain. Inquiries further show that representatives of Chile have been negotiating with a representative of Spain for the sale of the splendid warship O'Higgins, and it is believed that a deal has been practically completed. It is known that Chile recently made a definite proposition, but the price was considered too high.

The ships Spain secured in France are two heavily armored coast defense vessels, ordered by Brazil for service on the river Plate. The statement made in Washington that the Amazonas, one of the vessels that Spain bought of Brazil, has already left this country for Brazil is incorrect. She is still at the Armstrong works.

Plenty of Money. Madrid, March 5.—The Spanish floating debt was increased over 13,000,000 pesetas during February.

Owners of the Underwriter. Boston, March 5.—The owners of the ocean tug Underwriter, bound for Havana with the big derelict Chief, to work on the Maine, do not credit the report from Norfolk, Va., that the craft was lost in